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Britton Departs for Chicago With Injured Hand, Calling Oft Padgett Bout Here

LEGION'S FISTIC CLUB IS DEALT 2ND HARD BLOW

Backers Had Hoped to Get Even on June 6 With Champ on Program

B. A. BRIDGEWATER. Tough luck seems to be camping on the trail of Joe Carson Athletic club.

After announcement had been made Saturday by L. H. Lantz, director of the Legion's fistic organization that Wel-terweight Champion Jack Britton and the rough-and-ready Cowboy Padgett of Colorado had been matched for a 12-round decision con-test to be fought here on the night of June 6, word came late Saturday night from Oklahoma City that Britton and his manager, Danny Morgan left there on a night train for Chicago and had abandoned all western plans for the time being.

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Britton's Hand Injured.

The reason given for the change in plans for the 147-pound crownwarer was that Britton injured his right hand seriously in the eighth round of his battle with Ray Long at Okiahoma Kriday night. As Jack is due to fight Benny Leonard in defense of his title in New York later this month he felt, as did Manager Morgan, that the only thing to do was to give up lesser bouts and retium east to rest and condition for the Leonard affray.

Britton received the injury to his main mauler when he planted a sharp right on Long's tough jaw in the eighth. His right was practically out of service from then on. Nothing was said of the injury in the Britton camp at the time, for Britton is not a fellow to alibi.

Lantz to Arrange New Card.

News of Britton's departure for Chicago was received by the sporting editor of The World too late Saturday night for the information to be communicated to Director Lantz or Joe Carson Athletic club. However, Lantz has plenty of time between now and June 6 to arrange a substitute card to take the place of the Britton-Padget brush. He aiready has accured convention hall for that date, but if he is unable to secure a satisfactory card' the management of the auditorium no doubt will be willing to give him a later night.

It is possible that Lantz may bring the popular Jeff Smith back here for June 6 with some worthy opponent. He had been endeavoring to line Jeff up with somebody who would stand a chance of whipping him for a show along about June 20. Jeff is to fight Chuck Wiggins 15 rounds in New Orleans Monday night, May 29, and would have a week and a day rest before June 6 which is Tuesday of the next week.

Smith vs. Tunney Proposed.

Lantz tried to line up Gene Tunney, the recently depoxed American light-fieavyweight champion, for the June 20 show here with Smith as an opponent, but Tunney's manager wired back at some length explaining that his man sustained a broken noze in the bout with Harry Greb last week and would

date.

The Smith-Tunney fight would be a real event and it would be a big thing for the game fn Tulsa if it could be brought here at some later date if not now. Smith has boxed Harry Greb on pretty even terms several times in the last couple of years, winning a few decisions over the Pittsburgh jumping-jack, losing a few others and drawing in the re-mainder. Tunney put up a great fight against Greb, beating the Pittsburgher in the early rounds and be-ing himself beaten later on. This should mean that Smith and Tunner were rather evenly matched. And it's a cluch that any time Smith sot in the ring with a fellow near his equal it would be a great exhi-bition, one well worth the price of

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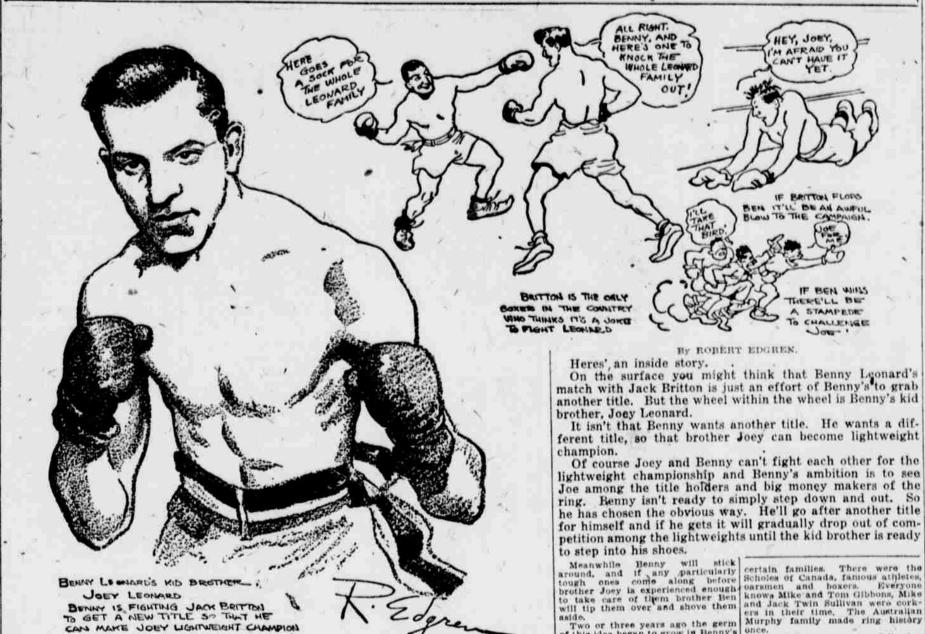
But setting back to the cancellation of the Britton-Padgett scrap. Again we say Joe-Carson club is playing in tough luck. On the Smith-Clickner card last week the men backing the club lost a cool two thousand plunks, despite the fact it was one of the best scraps seen here in many a day. It didn't draw a corporal's guard. And now, just as the Legion club is figuring upon setting even and then some with a card like Britton and Padgett—Zowie! Its off.

Lantz had closed the deal with Manager Morgan before he took his champion to Oklahoma City for the Long match. He also had closed with Padgett's manager several days sgo. Announcement of the match had been held up until after the Britton-Long bout, for the very reason that it was feared something might happen to prevent it.

The club is no more disappeinted. however, that is the doughty Ray Alvis, manager of the cowboy. Alvis has been fairly itching for another crack at the champion.

Alvis informed the writer Friday hight over long distance phone after teeing Ray Long hold Britton to a scood draw—and newspaper men thought Long even had a shade the better of it—that he believed Padgett would stand a fine chance in a second bout. He was highly enthusiastic over the match and had planned to have the cowboy here Monday to begin active training.

BENNY PAVING WAY FOR JOEY TO STEP UP



Talk of Matches for Greb

Four Easy Ones.

If the fans who pay helr good money in support of the boxing game have their way about it, either Wills or Greb will be the opponent of the Sait Lake City 'assassin,' But they do not always have their way. The promoters pick foes for champions, and the public must pay to see the match scheduled or be without a sood fight with the king pin of pusilistics as the attraction. Fullow, Brennan, Carpentier and Willard have been knocked out by Dempsey, and if rematched with the Dempsey, and if rematched with had adhin each case. This the public does in each case. This the public does not care for, it would be far bethand here wills, a man he has not met, and have the match carry with it some degree of uncertainty as to the option.

Not Anxious for Wills,

Tex Rickard and others are try-to-fit.

The fit of the fans who pay helr good four fights in June.

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Gun Club Shooting

Dr. M. A. Houser was high man at the Tuisa Gun club shoot Saturday and the Tuisa Gun club shoot

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Western Association

was first, but didn't follow it up, and was just fairly good.

Joey Taller Than Benny.

"Charlie developed int. a first-class lightweight and an amateur champion, but he had no great liking for the game in spite of his ability. His mind was set on making a business success and he thought one champion is the family was enough. He was Bennys weight, so saw no chance to become a title holder. Benny was a winner from the start and fought his way to the lightweight championship by to the lightweight championship by heating the best men in his class.

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BRITTON FLORE

Clarence (Bud) Houser, a deputy tunned youth from Oxnard, Cal., broke the 12-pound shot put record

On the surface you might think that Renny Leonard match with Ask Britton is just and of fort of Bonny's kid strother, Jogy Leonard.

It isn't that Benny wants another title. He wants a different title, so that brother Jogy can become lightweight champion.

Of Court Jogy and Benny can't fight each other for the John of the John o

other clever boxers.

A lot of the boys train together at Billy Grupp's gym in Harlem, their rivalries forgotten while away from the ring. It was when he saw the kid brother standing up and trading punches on even terms with Johnny Dundee one day that Benny suddenly realized he was watching ring work of a class seldom seen except when champions meet.

Right there Benny decided that if Joey wanted to become a professional looker he'd back him to the limit. From that day on Benny taught Joey all the "inside stuff" that makes a champion—the ring strategy that Benny had learned in a hunder dard hard battles.

Today Benny believes that Joey than I ever was, and a harder than I ever was, and a harder hitter." Benny declares. "He's going to be a faster boxer than I ever was, and a harder hitter." Benny declares. "He's going to be the lightweight hitter." Benny declares. "He's going to be the lightweight champion, and he'll earn the title. I won't have to give it to him."

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"I firmly believe Joey can beat them all, right now." Billy Gibson told me the other day, "Fighting blood runs in his veins. Joe will be the fourth in the Leonard family to make a successful boxer. Willie was first but didn't follow it vo.

Leonard Remembers ?:e Gans.
Another reason why Leonard is
after Britton's championship may
be added here. Year by year it is
harder for Benny to make the lightweight limit and his rivals are more insistent in demanding weight con-ditions. Leonard has often told me that when he finds he can't make the lightweight limit without weak-ening himself he'll either stop box-

ing or give up the title.
"I'll never forget what happened to Jee Gans after Nelson forced him to come down from 145 to 130% pounds at Goldfield," Benny says.

Joe Gans died a couple of years afterward-tuberculosis

Leonard can do 135, at a pinch. He'll do something like that July 4 for Rocky Kansas. But that's another story.

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with a heave of 55 feet, won the discus, captured third place in the
hammer and fourth in the javelin
and singles handed, placed his
school second with 14 points. Houser shattered a record which had
atood for 10 years, bettering the
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